Students Learn Russian History

This year a semester Russian History course is being offered to Shaker students Martin Meshenberg teaches the class, and emphasizes the period from the Russian Revolution to the present. Before Mr. Meshenberg became an assistant principal at Shaker, he conducted an earlybird Russian History course. Because of its previous success, it is again in the Shaker curriculum.

ANOTHER CHANGE in the social studies curriculum is the abolition of level-one American History and America Problems. Students who signed up last spring to take these level-one classes are in level-three classes, but their grades are evaluated as level-one grades. This change is designed to eliminate the problem of the segregation which results from the levels system.

Last week the history classes saw a film discussing black history, "Lost, Stolen, or Strayed," narrated by comedian Bill Cosby Students not taking a social studies class viewed the film during study halls. It was Dr. Greenham's hope that every student be exposed to the ideas which Bill Cosby expressed



The New York Rock and Roll Ensemble.

New York Rock Ensemble To Unroll at Thornton

Sponsored by the Union, the return engagement of the New York Rock and Roll Ensemble will resound from Thornton Park October 18, at 8:00 p.m. A group from Cleveland, the James Gang, will appear with the Ensemble.

THE CONCERT is the Union's major fund raising event this year. Union spokesman Harley Goldstein said that if all two thousand tickets are not sold, the Union will have to close for lack of funds.

Tickets are on sale at the High School, all Burrows stores, Melody Lane Record Shop, The Generation Gap on Coventry Road, and all college campuses in the Cleveland area. Price of tickets is \$3.50 before the concert and \$4.00 at the door,

THE ENSEMBLE is composed of members Brian Corrigan, Martin Fulterman, Michael Kamen, Clifton Nivison, Dorian Rudnytsky. The five, playing such diverse instruments as oboe, harpsichord, french horn, and cello, played to a sell-out audience at La Cave last June.

Several members of the Ensemble are graduates of the highly reputable Julliard School of Music of New York and they have not forsaken their conservatory education. They borrow themes, motifs, and sometimes entire pieces from such baroque composers as Bach, Couperin, Handel, Purcell and Telemann.

MIXED IN the program are rock songs, free improvisations, promotions for their records, and chats with members of the audience. According to Plain Dealer critic Wilma Salisbury, "The format is clever, the musicianship expert. Transitions flow smoothly and contrasting styles complement rather than contradict."

THE SHAKERITE

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Investigation Committee Reviews Method of Cheerleader Selection

Consisting of six black students and six white students, the Cheerleader Investigation Committee, headed by Peter Jones, is working hard towards its oblectives.

THEIR PURPOSE is twofold. First, they want to arrive at a solution for this year's cheer-

leader situation. Second, Peter said that they hope to "revise the method of cheerleader selection in order to eliminate all sense of unfairness and prejudice."

The first action taken has been the appointment of three boosters to aid the regular cheerleaders in their cheers. The three, two black and one white, are Debbie Midget, Rae Crew, and Rosemary Lovshin They practice constantly with the cheerleaders and will be helping them throughout the football and basketball seasons.

The controversial issue, involving the whole black community of Shaker, arose because there were no black cheerleaders on this year's squad.

BULLETIN

October 14, 1969

Principal William Greenham announced a breakfast discussion of the Vietnam war and the Moratorium for the first two periods of tomorrow's Moratorium Day. The breakfast, from 7:45 a.m. to 9:30, is open to all students and faculty If they wish, teachers with class periods one and two may excuse students to attend the discussion Doughnuts and milk will be served

Don Gerwitz of the national Student Mobilization Committee will address the Contemporary Forum in the Small Auditorium after school tonight. Anyone may come.

A.C.L.U. Leader Ennis Defends U.S. Citizens' Right to Dissent

"The ideas of liberty were revolutionary in 1776, and they're still pretty revolutionary today. For that reason, there's often a gap between the liberties America proclaims and the things America does. The umon's purpose is to close that

The private organization whose purpose John Pemberton has described above is the American Civil Liberties Union. Chairman of the new national Board of Directors, Edward J. Ennis, spoke for the A.C.L.U. at a meeting of its Cleveland affiliates October 1, at Case Western Reserve University

ENNIS BELIEVES that "the right of dissent is seriously challenged in such cases as the antiriot conspiracy indictments in Chicago and the Spock case conviction. How much worse things get will depend on how much the public, the courts, and organ-

izations such as the A.C.L.U. resist official tendencies to seek

unconstitutional short-cuts to

security." THOSE WHO founded the A.C.L.U. in 1920 include Clarence Darrow, Helen Keller, Jane Addams, and John Dewey. Today, membership dues and donations make it possible for the non-profit organization to become involved in many court cases to insure every citizen's constitutionally guaranteed rights.

Black Students Merit Awards

Seven Shakerites were recently named semi-finalists in the Sixth National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

David Adams, Michelle Green. Gregory Jacobs, Carol King, Sharon Pruitt, Edward Rose, and Ann Rutledge are Shaker's winners.

THESE SEVEN were chosen from among the more than thirty-five thousand Black students who took the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The fifteen hundred highest. scorers were then designated as Achievement Semi-finalists.

Each semi-finalist is eligible to win one of the three hundred scholarship grants offered by the Ford Foundation These grants range from \$1,000 to \$6,000

THIRTY-TWO semi-finalists are from the Greater Cleveland area Along with Shaker, John Adams High School boasts the highest percentage of Achievement Scholars in the region.

Vietnam Moratorium Day Includes Rally, Canvassing

Despite the school district's decision that absences will not be excused October 15, the Student Council voted overwhelmingly last Tuesday to arge Shaker students to support the Vietnam-Moratorium Day's activities.

TOMORROW participating Shaker High students will hear anti-war speeches and will organize a community canvassing program to distribute leaflets. A city-wide rally, downtown at 5 00 p in , will complete the day's protest activities

The October : oratornum is the first of a series, expanding each month, two days in November, three days in December, and so on, "until a firm commitment to a definite timetable for total withdrawal is made or until a negotiated settlement is signed " A major purpose of the first demonstration is to recruit supporters for the two-day Novemher moratorium.

THE MORATORIUM committee states. "The goal of the acfrom is to get massive and diverse sectors of American society to cease business as usual 'It is important to employ actions and rhetoric that will maintain the broadest possible opposition to the war . and that our strength be visi-

Over one hundred colleges will

participate in the Moratorium-Day activities

United Appeal Fund Drive Uses Work Week, Class Competition

With Bob Olmstead as chairman, Shaker's annual fund drive for the United Appeal will run from October 20 to October 24

ACTIVITIES THAT the drive plans include a work week, a competition between seniors, juniors, and sophomores to determine which class can raise the most money, and an assembly tentatively scheduled for October 23.

The United Appeal committee will hold the work week either the week of or the week before the school campaign. The committee has asked local employers to aid Shaker's drive by employing students so that they may earn money to donate to the school's collection Students may fill out forms in the activity office if they wish to participate in the week; the Appeal committee will then contact students about when and where to work

CLASSES WILL COMPETE the entire week of the campaign Homeroom representatives will collect donations, the committee will then record class donation standings on a poster in the main hall

The assembly will probably feature a well-known speaker who will explain the United Appeal compaign's purposes and

Urban Problems Course Exposes Students to Spectrum of Issues

by Michael Kassen

Over 70 seniors are enrolled in Urban Problems, a level-4 elective that was initiated just last year Jerry Graham and Theodore Wiehe, this course's instructors, plan to move outside the traditional methods of teaching affairs of a large city and expose students directly to a large spectrum of problems.

IN A YEAR of a Cleveland mayoralty race, pupils already have heard the views of Sydney Stapleton, a Socialist running for the office; and those of John Little, Mayor Stokes' executive

secretary. Many more speakers of this caliber will discuss other problems facing American metropolises

The scope of the class is not confined solely to the Cleveland area. Last year's class made field trips to Toronto, Canada. and several "new towns" in the area of Washington, D.C., to observe differences in forms of municipal structure.

THROUGH THE course, the instructors hope that students will find themselves better equipped to adjust to the complexities of an urban society.



"Who else can they pin their hopes on?"

Editorial

Rapid Unilateral Withdrawal Necessary to Halt Viet War

Of the forty thousand Americans dead in the undeclared war in Vietnam, cleven thousand have died since the Paris negotiations began. The talks appear deadlocked, and the fighting goes on. The Shakerite urges that the President put an cud to it by calling a complete, rapid, unilateral withdrawal of United States forces from Vietnam:

Fifteen years after the 1954 Geneva accords, Vietnam is still divided. The evidence is small that President Thieu's government represents a majority of South Victnamese, Thieu's imprisonment of opposition candidates and censorship of newspapers that favored an end to the war raise doubts about the existence of the freedom of self-determination for which the United States is fighting.

The "domino" theory is no reason to stay in Vietnam. It has failed to stand the test in South America, Europe, and even Asia. But in any case the domino theory does not take into account the damaging effect of the war on the United States.

It has made a peace-time draft necessary in a country that traditionally abhorred conscription, and casts a shadow over the lives of millions of young men. The United States has lost face with its allies because of its war policies. The war has diverted moneys from essential projects, has caused an uncontrollable inflation, and has contributed to a deficit in the balance of payments.

The Victuam war stands against an improvement in relations between the Soviet Union and the United States when the threat of nuclear war demands a detente. It has ruined the lives of countless thousands of Vietnamese who are less concerned with self-determination and the domino theory Than with being able to five in peace.

Some have expressed fears that an American withdrawal will bring about a Communist slaughter of the Vietnamese people. But in fact to delay an American withdrawal indefimitely would only put off the inevitable loss of life - at a cost of many more American and Vietnamese lives.

Indeed the United States should seek a just and honorable peace in Victnam. But is any peace just and honorable in which men have died while their leaders haggled over the shape of a table? The most honorable thing that the United States can do is to provide a non-military solution and turn the care of South Vietnam over to its inhabitants.

Editorial

Chemical-Biological Warfare Endangers Human Existence

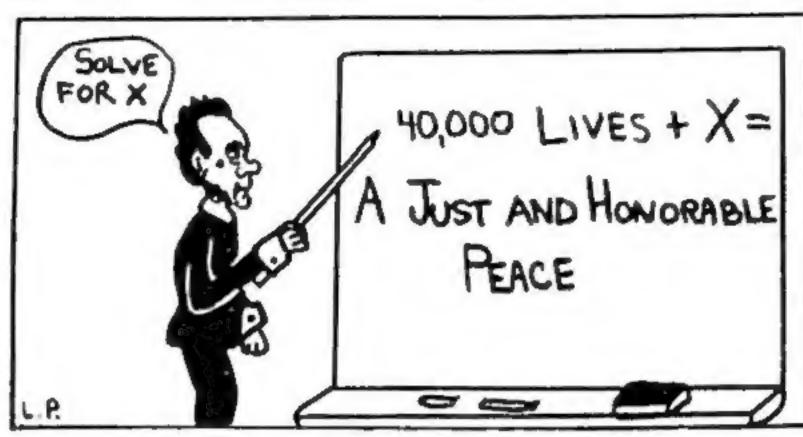
One of the most competitive races in the lustory of mankind is the race to devise more efficient ways to kill other men. The most notable method is nuclear weaponty, A far older and deadlier method however, is CBW, chemical-biological warfare Only recently has the result of the \$350 million U.S. CBW program been partially revealed

IN ITS CHEMICAL arsenal, the US stores a gas named Sarın (GB) Fifteen years ago. one drop of this gas on the back of a man's hand would kill in 30 seconds Today, Sarın has been improved and can reduce a man into a convulsive mass before killing him. On the biological stockpiles, the Army stores anthrax, tularemia, and psittacosis, and is now experimenting with undulent fever, coccidioidomycosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, botulism, encephalitis, cholera, glanders, and pneumonie plague

Despite the virtue of killing everything in contact, CBW presents a major problem in its control Unlike conventional weapons which strike and destroy a single area at a single

moment, chemical and biological weapons are persistent and can spread. In a 1968 test of nerve gas in Utah, winds carried the gas 30 miles from the target and killed 6,000 sheep During World War II, the British tested anthrax on Gruinard Island. The island will be uninhabitable for 100 years. The introduction of an infective element into an eco-system could upset or kill the biological community, and thus change a large area into a desert. The introduction of an infective agent into an inhabited area could kill a whole city of non-combatants

IN SPITE of all the research that has gone into it, the use of CBW is still in question The U.S. has not ratified the 1925 Geneva Protocol which outlaws its use and in 1959 Congress refused to make a "no first strike" resolution Yet even if the U.S. does not use it first, what would be the use of destroying a foreign continent for generations to come? There can be no rationalization for a program which produces incurable diseases and persistent poisons that are more indiscriminate to life than nuclear bombs.



Is this an open sentence?

Committee Schedules Discussions For Students to Voice Grievances

Under the direction of Elliot Harrison, the Grievance Committe has formulated a plan to reach more students than ever before. The committee met October 1. in the Social Room at 7:30 p m. to discuss a new method of handling students' grievances

FOLLOWING THE committee's proposal, the school will allocate one period during the last week of October when the student body will be randomly divided into groups of approximately fifteen. Each group will be assigned a room and a Grievance Committee member will act as moderator. All students will have the opportunity to voice their opinions directly to a Committee representative who will then relay the ideas to Dr. Greenham.

One committee member feels, 'Students must do their share to bring about change They must voice their opinions through acceptable channels such as this new program. The Grievance Committee was organized to let students be heard, but it can achieve this only if students make their ideas known "

Squad Promotes School Activities; Film Club Teaches Movie-Making

Two new clubs, the Spirit Squad and the Film Club, have appeared at Shaker. The Spirit Squad's goal is to try to promote student participation in activities. The Film Club provides students with an opportunity to learn filming techriques.

"OPEN YOUR eyes to Shaker" is the Spirit Squad's slogan Interested students who want to delve into the problem of apathy at Shaker compose the Spirit Squad The group is neither a formal club nor a formal organization, it has no dues, no list of members, no officers

Originally formed by members of last year's Demerit Panel, the Spirit Squad now wants to involve everyone. The Squad will support any existing activity or even try to form new activities It has already sponsored car parades before football games, the Red Power shirt campaign, the Brush post-game pienie, and Scrub Brush Day

THE FILM Club, under the leadership of senior Dale Newman is open to any student. The dues will be pooled and used to purchase equipment for those members who do not have their own During the course of the year, each member will have to make a film on a subject of his own choosing

Members will have the opportunity of submitting their original movies to the annual Hawken Film Festival. The club also plans to show its films to Shaker students in an assembly.

The Student Council Welfare Committee will sponsor a showing of the CBS film Hunger in America in school Thursday, November 12 The committee encourages all students to see this film and also to fast that day in sympathy with those people in this country who do not have enough to eat. In this way, Shakerites will become involved in the fight against poverty

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

A group of concerned students who support the planned October 15 Moratorium to protest the war in Vietnam urges all students to show their support for this effort. We propose that on this day students attend a program that will be held at Plymouth Church, Weymouth and Coventry Roads, starting at 10 00 a.m. The committee will present Rev. Ray Miklethun speaking on the war and two documentary films dealing with its effects on both the Vietnamese and American people.

Since the war continues and there is no firm commitment to American withdrawal or to a negotiated settlement, we call upon every student to participate in tomorrow's Moratorium, no matter what the consequences

> John Broder Max Kirsch Molly Kirsch Mike Newman Sylvia Peck Paul Sapin

Tight Security Foils Interview Of Abba Eban

by Jim Holdstein and Peter Borowitz

Abba Eban, Israel's Foreign Minister and Permanent Representative to the United Nations. spoke at Fairmount Temple under fight security, which foiled an interview attempt by three Shakerite editors. An overflow audience October 2 heard Mr. Eban's lecture on Israel's continuing struggle after the Six-Day War.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER said that there has been no peace in the Middle East for two and a half years because the Arabs are unwilling to negotiate and "a substitute for negotiations has never been found because no substitute exists " He defined Israel's present policy. which is based upon two principles-tenacity and flexibility "While we are tenaciously holding the territories, we will be flexible for negotiations "

The speech of Mr. Eban, undoubtedly one of the most eloquent orators in the world, contained many pointed analogies and witticisms. In response to the statement of Andrei Gromyko. U.N. Soviet Ambassador. who claimed that a change from Israel's pre-war boundaries was unthinkable, Mr. Eban simply said, "And then I brought out a map of Europe." He further asserted that "since the Egyptians for twenty years claimed there were no permanent boundaries, Israel has decided to adopt the same policy." How-



Shakerite photographer surprises Abba Eban backstage before his speech at Fairmount Temple.

ever, he did state unequivocably that "never, never, never shall our beloved Jerusalem be torn apart by sacrilegious division "

THE CAMBRIDGE—educated diplomat also claimed that Arab economic prestige had been damaged by their 1967 oil embargo since the Arabs now are forced to plead to their former clients, "Customers, please come back, it was only a joke."

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Raiders Gird For Hawken

Tomorrow, the Raider booters face a tough Hawken team at Lomond field after school They go into action with recent wins over University and Brecksville, a tie with Cuyahoga Falls, and a loss to Gilmour Academy

AGAINST FALLS, the Raiders blasted away with thirty-three shots Barry Dibiasio scored the tying and only goal. An illegal ruling by an official denied the Raiders of a penalty shot, which would have given the Raiders the edge.

The footmen shut out US, 1-0. John Barber scored the winning goal on a brilliant cross by Bob Chew Co-captain Bill Davis played an excellent game as goalie

BRECKSVILLE WAS the booters' next victim as they won, 1.0 The Raiders came alive in the second half and co-captain Alan Inglis tallied for their sole score

Playing on Gilmour's infamous field, the team dropped a 1-0 heart-breaker Center fullback David Boyd had an outstanding game

THE BOOTERS are 1-2-1 in the Northeastern Ohio Soccer League.

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third place.



Tom Mitchell heads clear in recent soccer action.



Reg Fleming grinds out extra yards against Brush.

Gridders Fall to Euclid; Down Brush Arcs, 20-18

Shaker High's Red Raiders overcame the effects of a demoralizing 20-8 loss to Euclid and recorded a well-deserved victory over Brush to end the first half of the season on a successful note

THE LOSS TO Euclid jolted Shaker's title hopes and also cost the Raiders the services of twoway starter Brian Clarke, out for the season with an injury suffered in the skirmish. The play

of Rob Nathanson, Tom Mosley, who scored Shaker's only touchdown, and "Raider of the week", Blair Taliaferro, were Shaker's lone bright spots in the loss.

Taliaferro who blocked two punts, one of which was recovered by Ed Rose for a touchdown, and Steve Sanna paced Shaker's 20-18 triumph over Brush Sanna threw to Reggie Fleming for a touchdown and to Ken Murphy for the game-winning extra points. Contrell Brantley scored Shaker's other touchdown. Rob Nathanson's interception of a Brush pass in Shaker's end zone during the final minute of the game sewed up the victory for the Raiders who now sport a 3-2 overall and 2-2 LEL record

Ricers Breeze Through League Slate; Seek LEL Individual, State Crowns

The Shaker Cross-Country squad remained undefeated as the powerful Ricers devastated six LEL teams in three doubledual meets With the LEL title virtually under their belts, the Raiders are thinking about the LEL Championship meet and a possible trip to the State Cross-Country Championship

ON SEPTEMBER 24, the Harriers faced Cleveland Heights,

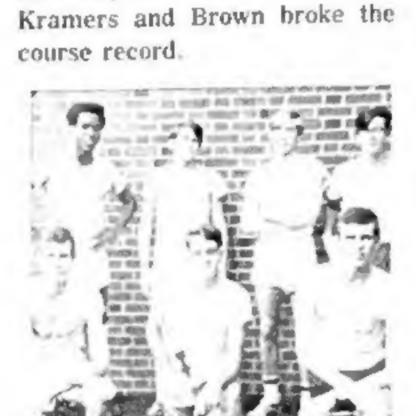
by Alan Inglis

and Valley Forge; they demolished Heights, 18-46, and Forge, 18-49 Shaker took the first four places as Jim Kramer, Jeff Kramer, Keith Brown, and John Hopwood paced the winners.

Shaker also did well at the St Joseph Invitational Cross Country Meet, finishing third behind St. Joe and Toledo DeVilbiss Jeff Kramer grabbed second, Jim Kramer third, and Brown captured eighth

ON OCTOBER 1, the Ricers defeated Lakewood 20-35, and Brush 20-39, at Lakewood. Jeff Kramer took first, Jim Kramer garnered third, Brown grabbed fourth, and Hopwood captured

The following week the twomilers destroyed Euclid 19-37, and Normandy 17-44 at Euclid Jim Kramer took first, Jeff



Kramer second, Brown third,

and Hopwood fifth. Both the

From left, star harriers Jeff Kramer, Jim Green, Marc Balogh, John Hopwood, Keith Brown, Jim Kramer, and Bob Weinfurter beam over recently won trophy.

Netters Shutout Two Opponents; Others Prevail

After the netters' opening victories over Shaw and Parma, they met defeat at the hands of Euclid and Brush The Raiders were able to come back, however, and shutout Normandy and Garfield Heights

AGAINST POWERFUL Euclid, Shaker was able to garner only one match as third singles player, Ted Schlitz, downed his opponent.

The close 3-2 loss suffered against Brush was highlighted by first singles man Bob Feiss dispatching his opponent in two sets, and the triumph of the doubles team of Craig Brown and John Holdstein.

GARFIELD AND Normandy provided less resistance. Feiss. captain Harley Goldstein, and Schlitz, and the doubles teams of Gary Gross and Craig Brown, and Scott Herlands and Mike Butler swept both the Normandy and Garfield matches.

"Alice's Restaurant" Loses Appeal By Injecting Cumbrous Sentiment

by Amy E. Phillips

"Abce's Restaurant" is entertaining, but its appeal becomes buried in superfluous sex and cumbrous sentiment.

THE STORY, based upon Arlo Guthrie's song of the same title, is actually a conglomeration of plots revolving around Alice. Guthrie, brilliantly portrayed by himself, becomes involved in a commune for wayward hippies, organized by Alice and her husband, Ray. Alice becomes overly involved with a heroin addict This shifts to New York where Guthrie periodically visits his dying father. In the midst of all this, Guthrie is drafted, but is rejected because of a past arrest for littering

There is great humor in certain segments of the film, but the interjection of the weepy sentiment detracts from the movie's attraction. The youths have a quixotic idea of life Their idealism clashes with realism, and the result is mass destruction

PARTS OF "Alice's Restaurant" are reminiscent of "The Graduate." Guthrie realizes he has no real plan for his life. By the end of the film, nobody

To RK I II whup you! -BDS

either JV Gridders, Booters Go Undefeated;

knows what he or she wants

Participants Gain Experience, Skill The objectives of the juniorvarsity athlete are the gaining of competitive experience and learning how to co-operate as a team member. This fall, however, the JV athlete has the pleasant experience of compet-

The undefeated soccer team, coached by Dan Cahill and led by high-scoring Bob Wirtshafter. has rolled over its three opponents

ing on winning teams.

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Heinlen and Robert Balbuze, and sparked by Ken Bonchek and Ed Raymond, the sophomores are expected to garner the LEL crown.

The JV harriers, though only 2-3 in the LEL, have gained essential experience. Led by spirited Dave Berger and Tom Wirtshafter, the team improves each meet.

The fall JV teams have been a great success. With the continued improvement of these sophomores, Shaker athletics should continue in their success.

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The Spectator

The fall athletic teams are getting Shaker off to an excellent

At this point it appears probable that the football team will

start in the quest for the Principal's Cap, The award is pre-

sented auritably to the LEL school whose teams are the most

do better than break even. The team has demonstrated an

adiotrable spirit coupled with size and talent that do not

always accessarily crop up from our relatively small student

schoot's first LEL crown in that sport. Led by the superb

fourspine of the Kramer twins, captain John Hopwood, and

Kertl. Brown, the learn may well go on the shine at Columbus.

tronneed all but Euclid and Brush, they have a good shot at

has empiped only two matches in six outings. It could well

accomplishment, it is pleasant to consider that Shaker is in

The Jennis team is doing unexpectedly well. Having

The source team, which does not figure in the standings,

Though there are other more important rewards for athletic

Couch Rice's harriers are on their way to annexing the

by David H. Adams

prove to be one of Ohio's best this year.

strong contention for the Principal's Cup.

What happened in 1492? The obvious response is that Columbus sailed the ocean blue. Few people know that in the same year the rule of the vast African empire of Songhai changed from Sunni Ali-Ber to Askia

IN 1492, SONGHAL located in sub-Saharan Africa along the western coast, was the second largest empire in the world. The black citizens of Songhai built great walled trading cities like Gao and Timbuctoo, complete with universities and palaces.

Other African empires, though smaller, existed across the continent. The city-state of Benin, south of Songhai, included several large cities. The capital, also called Benin, had streets ten times as wide as most streets in Amsterdam. The people of Benin embraced highly ordered systems of taxation and politics Powerful armies protected the outer villages of the nation from would-be invaders.

THE MYTH that Africans were naked savages living at random is false and worthy of ridicule. Benin and Songhai are only two examples of Africa's past, forgotten in the development of America

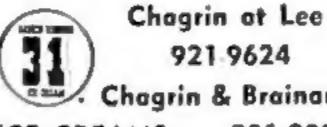
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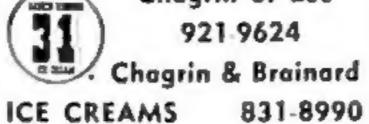
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